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A great deal could be said about the friendly side of temptation. This so-called "enemy" is often the very seed of Christian virtue, encouraging patience, establishing powers of endurance, bringing the satisfaction of moral victory. It is at once the mother of ethical life, the training ground of perfection and the classroom of character. All this, plus the additional opportunities it offers to bring light to wisdom, a spur to discipline, and an inspiration to courage, marks it as one of the most valuable forces in our lives.

Shall we continue to run from temptation like frightened hares before the hounds? Shall we snuggle down deep into our little foxholes of fear and plead for an unstated peace of mind? Emphatically no!

Righteousness is the means to happiness. It is the most important element in Christian life. We dare not shun what does most in the molding of our characters, in the creation of our spiritual greatness, and even in the establishment of our happiness. Our responsibility and our opportunity, therefore, are to call first on Divine assistance, then to rush out gladly to meet this friendly enemy. —From **FRIENDLY ENEMIES** by Robert R. Brown (Fleming H. Revell Company).



The Bible is one of the greatest blessings bestowed by God on the children of men. It has God for its author; salvation for its end; and truth without any mixture of error for its matter. It is all pure, all sincere; nothing too much; nothing wanting.—*John Locke*.



LEE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES ITS THIRTY-FOURTH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The week of May 22 through 27 will climax another very successful year at Lee College. On Friday, May 27, at 10 a.m., one hundred seventeen young men and women will graduate from Lee.

Parents, ministers, former students, prospective students, and friends of the school always enjoy this time of fellowship and inspiration.

Below is an outline of the week's activities. Plan to be in Cleveland May 22 through 27 for Commencement at Lee College, "God's School for God's Business."

Baccalaureate Sermon	10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 22
Religious Film	8:00 p.m. Monday, May 23
Senior Play	8:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 24
Alumni Business Meeting	2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 25
Senior Play	8:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 25
Alumni Program	10:00-12:00 a.m. Thursday, May 26
Music Concert	2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 26
Alumni Banquet	6:00 p.m. Thursday, May 26
Alumni Candlelight Service	8:00 p.m. Thursday, May 26
Commencement	10:00 a.m. Friday, May 27

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For room reservations off-campus contact Mr. Harold Douglas (telephone: 1373 or 1426 W) or Mr. Dudley Pyeatt (telephone: 1373 or 754R).

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COVER PICTURE—A. Devaney

Springtime in the Nation's Capital, Washington, D. C. The Capitol dome framed with blossoms. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34.

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4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saint's feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Beholding

Ourselves

By E. LAMAR McDANIEL

Evangelist

Scripture: James 1:23, "... He is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was."

THE GREAT SCOTCH POET, Robert Burns, wrote the little poem "To a Louse" not knowing how popular it would become as the years roll by. Here is a portion of it.

*Oh wad some power the giftie gie us
To see oursel's as others see us!
It wad frae monie a blunder free us,
And foolish notion.*

Burns was inspired to write this poem while attending a Sunday morning church service. On the pew in front of him sat a very dignified old soul who displayed an air of superiority. She seemed to feel that she was better, possibly, than anyone near her. Amid all this atmosphere of pomp and pride, Burns watched with much amusement as a filthy louse crawled all about on her hat and made several trips up and down the tall feather on her hat.

To herself, this woman was occupying the "honorable" seat of the synagogue. But if she could have looked into a mirror at this particular moment and seen herself as others saw her, she would have quickly descended into the basement of humility.

How often are we tempted to flatter ourselves with self-pride, self-sufficiency, self-reliance, and self-security while those who are beholding us daily see us in a much different light. May we cry aloud with Burns in his immortal lines, "Oh, that God would give us some gift that would enable us to see ourselves as others see us."

While some are overestimating themselves, others are underestimating themselves. Either situation is unfair to one's self. Again, I say, our great need is to see ourselves as we really are—as God sees us. When we make this much needed discovery, then we can, and will give God a chance to modify and rearrange our lives according to His perfect will.

Our text tells us that when we look into the mirror we see ourselves as we are, but go away and quickly forget how we looked. Friend, do you remember the time you were broken up in spirit before the Lord? You wept very



humbly in His holy presence and saw yourself as a very helpless thing and asked His mercies and blessings and favors in your needy life. Yes, you recall that blessed experience. But how do you feel today. Are you living in that same divine atmosphere?

You know, the Lord is our great mirror. If we would stand before Him often and look into His shining face, observe the prints of the nails in His hands and feet with the spear wound in His side, then from His glorious countenance we should see ourselves as we really are.

WE HAVE an interesting story in the sixth chapter of Isaiah. The prophet was enraptured in the heavenly vision and saw the Lord sitting upon his throne, high and lifted up and his train filled the Temple. The man of God was overwhelmed at such an unusual revelation as the seraphims flew about crying Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts and as the house was filled with smoke. Until then, Isaiah had possibly felt at ease about his condition but as he tarried in this awful and sacred atmosphere, he cried out and said, "Woe is me, for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips." He had taken a look into God's mirror and had seen his real self. Seeing his real self caused him to cry out for a new consecration.

Maybe you stood there once and saw your failures and imperfections reflected from His glory, but how long has it been? Long enough to forget "what manner of man you were"?

Let us enter His presence once again and behold ourselves and see how we look to others and to our Lord. Then if we do not look as we should like to look, God is giving us a glorious opportunity to be transformed into his own likeness by the mighty power of God, and by the work of His Spirit.

To the saints we give these words for meditation:

Consecrate me now to thy service Lord,
By the power of grace divine.
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope
And my will be lost in thine.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
To thy precious bleeding side.

To the sinner we extend these words of admonition:

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I WANT TO TAKE for the basis of our meditation Acts 12:12—"And when he (Peter) had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying."

There are many different standards by which people try to measure the success of a Christian church. Some judge by the size of the congregation, but our Lord never accepted that standard. Others judge by the popularity of the minister, but that is certainly superficial. Some would judge by the purity of the church's doctrine, but that too is false, for we all know that a church may be pure in doctrine but still be dead. Others still would judge by the basis of a church's financial position and missionary giving. You're getting nearer the mark, my friend, when you judge on that basis, for very often the state of a church's finances is a very good barometer of its condition.

But none of these things really stand up to the New Testament measure of a successful Christian church. If we are really to assess correctly the success of the Christian church we must go further and look deeper. The test of a church is not merely in the ministry of the pulpit, but in that which is exercised by the congregation. A New Testament church is not a building composed of bricks and mortars; it is a fellowship of people who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, who are indwelt by the Holy Ghost, and who share together one life—the life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In northern Ireland, the size of a church is assessed in terms of the number of families. The most searching test of the quality of a church's life is to consider its homes—the families that are linked with the church. I want to take my text as a window through which we may look into a New Testament home, "When he (Peter) had considered the thing," says our text, "he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying."

It is interesting that this home is spoken of in terms of the woman, not the man. It may be that she was a widow, but nevertheless it is not without significance, for very often it is the mother who makes the home what it is. I want you to observe with me from this text three things which mark this New Testament home, and which, I be-

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lieve, should be the outstanding qualities of every Christian home.

FIRST OF ALL, it was a home to which people instinctively went when they were in need. "When Peter considered the thing," when he recovered his senses, when he discovered what God had done for him in the amazing, miraculous deliverance from jail. When he stood there a free man and yet in desperate need of help, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John.

You will observe that it was not a church to which Peter went, but a home. One of our great weaknesses today is that we look upon the church building as the base of all of our testimony and activity for the Lord. What tremendous strength there would be in the fellowship of a church if every home was a base of operation instead of just one church. That is always the New Testament conception.

Why did Peter go to Mary's home? I suggest to you that her wealth of spiritual experience was widely known. He went there because he knew that she was the kind of woman who would be able to help him in the time of difficulty. Do you think it is possible that your lack of spiritual experience is the reason why so few people come to your home when they are in trouble? Would they fail to come to you because they have no reason to think that you are the kind of person who could really help them?

They came to Mary's home, the neighbors went there and Christian people went there—she didn't have to go chasing after them. How much of our Christian activity is spent chasing after unconverted people who run to get away from us! Oh, what a need there is in Christian lives today for attractive Christian living—not a greater knowledge of doctrine, but a winsomeness, a radiance, a sweetness, a graciousness, a love, a gentleness that attracts to Jesus Christ.

The word, "pleasing," here is the word you get in the Beatitudes—"blessed are they" and the real meaning of the word is: "a happiness to be envied." I wonder how many of us are living like that, of how many people could it be said, "If only I had what she's got." Alas, let's admit it in the presence of God today—we are often so keen, so orthodox, so conscientious, but we are desperately unattractive.

HOME

By ALAN REDPATH
for N. S. S. A.

They came to Mary when they were in trouble or in need, and they wanted help, comfort, strength, wisdom and guidance. She was known, not only for the quality and the depth of her Christian walk and character, but I am sure she was known as a woman who knew the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have often noticed in the New Testament how people came to the disciples and said to them, "Sirs, we would see Jesus." And the disciples came to Jesus time and again and said, "Master, all men seek for Thee." It must have been very humiliating for them to have to admit that they were not good enough, that people were seeking for Christ and these disciples did not have the thing that these people needed. The people of the world, we always say, are so indifferent to the things of God but they can always distinguish when there's real godliness in a Christian worker. They will bypass the man who is so busy that his life has lost its radiance, and will seek for the man and woman who have truly walked with God.

Doesn't this go right to the heart of the need of the church life? Alas, the spiritual ignorance, the spiritual immaturity, the impatience, the quickness to take offense, the criticism, the unsympathetic words—there is so much that is repellent about our Christian testimony that other people just won't come to us when they are in trouble. Something is wrong, not with our doctrine, not with our beliefs, but with our character. Oh, that our homes would be like Mary's home, where people instinctively would go in time of need.

The second thing that emerges from this text is this: Mary's home was a home in which people knelt in prayer. "He came to the house of Mary the mother of John, where they were gathered together praying," I am sure that it wasn't the first time that people had met for prayer in that home. I have a feeling that John Mark would often remember the sound of voices lifted up to God in prayer.

I think of one home especially where I know a father or a mother could take me around every room of that home and tell me of answers to prayer that have taken place in that very room—a home where burdens are shared, a home marked by serenity and strength, an absence of strain and rush, where there is gentleness in



conversation and sweetness in spirit and graciousness in manner. Could that be your home?

I HEARD some time ago of a busy housewife who was seeing her husband off in the morning to business. Things had been a little more hectic than usual in that home for the last few days, and as he went out he said to her, "I think you need a day off." "Just like a man, could I ever take a day off?" she retorted angrily. She hadn't read her Bible lately, there had been no quiet time in that home for awhile but that day she took her Bible and she read of the woman who was sick with the fever, and the Lord touched her and her fever left her. She said, "Lord Jesus give to me and my home that touch today. Touch my home, take away from it the coldness, the formality and the deadness and once again Lord Jesus give us Thy love." When her husband came home that night he looked at her and he said, "Oh, I see you took the day off, did you?" You see what I'm talking about don't you? It is perfectly simple but very practical.

They knelt in prayer in Mary's home and they took the burdens of other people upon their hearts. Everything didn't just center around their own little family circle with their troubles and their complaints. There was always a concern for other people—that's why other people went there.

Do you think that there's a room in your home which, if the walls could speak, could tell of prayers offered and wonderful answers. Could you say to me, "Pastor, you see that chair?" "My neighbor next door was unhappy—it wasn't a Christian home and there was trouble, and gossip had started. I went last week and left her some flowers. Nobody had ever done that before and she cried. Then she came just a day or two ago and unburdened her heart to me. I opened the Word of God to her and told her about my Saviour and she knelt down beside that chair, pastor, and there she was born again." Do things like that ever happen in your home? Is it a home in which people kneel for prayer?

THERE IS ONE other thing that I want you to observe from this text. It was a home from which peo-

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Wait, I Say On the Lord!

By MRS. RALPH WILLIAMS

DAVID, THE PSALMIST must have had our present day in mind when he wrote these words so many years ago, for there is a crucial need for this admonition today. Living in the metropolitan area of one of our larger cities these words would seem out of place, for the general feeling is one of rush-rush and everyone wants to be the first one to arrive at his destination. Hundreds mill about, highways are filled to capacity at all hours, and even in the modern groceries of our day they have a special place for those who must be through in a matter of minutes. Let your child be five minutes late for school and you will receive a call from the supervisor wanting to know the reason. Move too slowly on these super freeways and you will be told to "get a move on." Go home, have the evening meal a few minutes late and the entire family wants to know what the trouble is.

All of these everyday things tend to make us forget ourselves and in our hurrying about, leave what is best and good in life behind. It is an easy thing to rush around, for you feel like you are getting things accomplished, but it takes courage and patience and, at times, iron-willed determination to be quiet and let the One who is plotting our course, work out His will and way in our daily walk. In our frantic pace we take matters in our own hands at times and have a try at fixing things, but invariably we do more harm than good. Then we attempt to move out of the way and wait on the Lord and He has to do double duty for us by correcting both blunders.

We are told that by waiting on the Lord, we should receive strength, but our strength ebbs when we try to do the job within ourselves. In the small orbit in which our lives revolve, it is impossible for us to see into the future; how much wiser it is to wait on the One who knows where we are today and who holds our future in His hand for all the tomorrows to come. This problem is ever present with the housewife. Her work is never done and if perchance she doesn't have her devotion upon arising,

the duties of the day become increasingly heavy and night comes without a time of quietness or waiting upon God.

There are many, many things the wife and mother must be willing to wait on, especially in the salvation of her children. She must build a little each day, with courage, and patience and then realize that in due time, God will give her the desire of her heart. Waiting on God is a neglected virtue, but a rewarding one and David understood this. He tells us not once, but twice in the same verse to wait upon the Lord. Many are fainting by the wayside because they do not have the strength to wait and look into the future and see the wisdom of a wonderful Savior directing their every step. However, with a firm grip in the knowledge that the One who rules the waters and land, sees the tiny sparrow who falls to the ground, and holds the universe in the palm of His hand, who are we to become impatient and fretful if we have to wait an extra day for the answer to our prayers? We are secure in knowing that He will not suffer us to wait one day longer than is necessary and His eye is *ever* upon us. Wait, I say on the Lord!



Most of us have rather vivid recollections of revival meetings when some fiery evangelist would preach "fearlessly" against sin. In thunderous tones he talked about drinking and gambling, card-playing and profanity and all the sins of the flesh. He would tell about the terrible hell that such sinners were going to, and he would use high pressure methods to get the sinners to "hit the sawdust trail." Occasionally some sinner would be converted with blessed results, but usually such a revival left the church and the community worse off than before.

It is true that there were people who committed those sins. But they were not the only sinners. In fact they were not the worst sinners. And such preaching not only failed to save those who needed saying the most; it made them more complacent and self-satisfied. The hardest people to reach with the love of God are not the bad people. They know they are bad. They have no defense. The hardest ones to win for God are the self-righteous people.—From *WHEN THE HEART IS HUNGRY* by Charles L. Allen (Fleming H. Revell Company).



The darkness of your soul, the littleness which you have received, and the confusion in which you live may not be because God has not answered; it may be because you are unwilling to receive. God has two kinds of gifts for us: first, there are the ones He gives whether we ask for them or not—the sun which shines, the air we breathe, the fertility of the soil. Parents give their children such things as food, shelter, clothing and watchful care whether the child asks for them or not.

The other gifts He gives only if we ask for them. I want my son to have a college education, but I cannot give it to him unless he asks for it and wants it. If I make available for him the money he needs, he must cooperate by opening his mind through study in order to receive the education. Yes, the reason we do not receive the answers to our prayers may be in us—in our failure to cooperate!—From *WHEN THE HEART IS HUNGRY* by Charles L. Allen (Fleming H. Revell Company).



Christ and Little Children

By
F. J. MAY

Pastor, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

This is a funeral message, in brief, which is humbly submitted in memory of little Linda Faye White who was accidentally killed near her home on Highway 6 at Marks, Mississippi. It is also sincerely dedicated to all parents who have ever lost a child, and the writer hopes that it will bring some comfort in the time of tears and grief.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God," Mark 10:14.

HIS WAS another busy day in the life and ministry of the Master. He had just gone through the tedious task of giving a sermon on the divorce question. Around him was the usual crowd—Pharisees with their aggravating questions, watchful and caring disciples, men in wondering silence, and close by, mothers with crying babies and squirming youngsters.

As Christ was about to finish His discourse on marriage and divorce (for he was keenly interested in the domestic problems in the home), the women rushed forward with their children eagerly desiring that the Master would bless them. Each one thought perhaps, "If He will just lay His hand upon my child and pronounce His blessing upon him, I am sure that my child will grow up to be a better person because of the lingering influence of the Master."

However, to their utter surprise and dismay, they heard the stern voices of the disciples rebuking, "What do you mean there, you women, bringing all these children up right in the middle of this service? Don't you know that the Master doesn't have time for such trivial matters? Take them away so that he can be on with His teaching."

Seeing their lack of patience and understanding, and also recognizing a chance to illustrate an important point about the "Kingdom of God," Jesus called to the disciples saying, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

Motioning the children toward him, he continued, "Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

Notice then, how wonderful the fact that Jesus loves children! He doesn't look at them as just a noisy bunch

of brats who are a menace to the service, but he goes so far as to say that these children help make up the kingdom of God and that if any man expects to enter the kingdom, he must be converted and become as a little child.

Oh, mothers and dads, don't ever miss church because you don't want to take your children, for with a little careful attention and training they will come to reverence the house of God and know the significance of the blessings of Christ. Give them the chance to know what it is like to be in the sacred presence of the Lord.

NEXT, NOTICE the loving care and deep concern that these mothers manifested for their children. They wanted the very best for them; and to them, the best meant the blessing of Jesus upon the lives of their children.

We all want the very best for our children. We spend years in labor and sacrifice to try to provide for our families and give our children the best. We are constantly saying that we want them to have life better than we have. We clothe, feed, and train them in the best way possible so that they will grow up with strong, healthy minds and bodies, to cope with the problems of life. More important than all of this, however, is the problem of getting them to Christ and helping them to know the way of salvation in the midst of an extremely complex society.

Notice also, that Jesus says, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." Why does he want children in his service and in his congregation? Why not send them away until they are adult enough to bear great spiritual and financial burdens in the Church? But Jesus says, "No, let them come unto me—large or small, even infants, let them come, and don't forbid them."

As he said it then, so Jesus looks down from his throne in heaven and says, "I want and need children. Let them come unto me. Don't forbid them to come." Of course, our hearts tremble with fear and anxiety over the thought of having to give up a child. And many have felt that somehow the hand of the Lord was against them, when they had to say goodbye to their precious boy or girl. But Jesus

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DAD AND THE CHURCH

How can Dad help the church? And how can the church help Dad? These two questions are equally important, and never more so than at the present time. As one minister recently declared to a visitor, "When Dad is interested in the church, its importance increases a hundredfold in the home."

What the minister said is matched by an opinion expressed by an attractive gray-haired lady who has visited in literally hundreds of homes. She declared with real enthusiasm: "Regardless of the furnishings of the home, when Dad as well as Mom is behind the church, it is a rich home. I would go so far as to say that Dad is the plus factor in the home-church relationship."

Far be it from me to offer gratuitous advice to fathers. Probably they get enough of that, anyway. Yes, fathers have their hands full at the present time—paying the bills, making a living, and just trying to be a good dad.

Even with this on the record, it appears to many church workers that in some cases the church is not exactly a live and vital matter to fathers. It may well be, as some fathers protest, this deficiency is not their own doing. Yet the fact is, seasoned workers are saying that Dad is needed to help bring the church into the home and to help further the values for which the church stands.

Agree or disagree with the contention that sometimes Dad "slips up" in the matter of church. What Dad can do for the church, and what the church can do for him is of paramount importance in this era. Let it never be forgotten that the Christian home often is like an island in an alien and angry sea, swept by waves that generate from the casual living practices that we see everywhere around us.

Dad can help the church because he does have high leadership in the home, even if he scarcely seems to exercise this prestige of his. A sociologist explained: "Dad is the male of the family. He supplies the answer from his own experience. He goes out into the world and makes a living. He is looked up to, respected. His opinions, attitudes, and actions often determine those of his children."

Dad can also help the church by completing the partnership between home and church. Often he can do this more effectively than Mom. But church workers report many instances in which it is Mom, not Dad, who really is alert to the privilege of church. The point is: She can not do it alone! On the other hand, experience shows many a dad who is a tireless worker for the church. Indeed, seeing whole families coming to church is a thrilling and moving experience.

Dad through his church activities shows the importance of God and Christ in his daily living. It is by Dad's acceptance of Christ in his own life and by learning about

Christ in the church that he shows the spiritual implications of fatherhood. These implications are what a dad needs to ponder and weigh and take into his life.

For the home, the church is the one institution that seeks to help, and this help is done in an absolutely unique way. The unique mission of the church is to forward the teachings of One who gave His life for us. He said to bring the little children to Him.

IF DAD HAS any doubt about the functions of the church, the reason for its being, he should get out his Bible and read the letter to the Colossians, especially the third chapter where Paul reviews the dismal story of the casual Colossians. After Dad thinks about these Colossians, he might note particularly these words of the apostle: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord," Colossians 3:16.

The question finally comes down to this one point of emphasis: Dad can set a powerful and persuasive example in his daily Christian living. It is this example, growing out of Dad's realization of the spiritual side of fatherhood, that is far more important than just being the proverbial "good provider."

When Dad in his daily living puts the church and its values into top priority rating, the church achieves a great significance in his home. Example is so strong it is almost beyond belief. All of us have been gently amused at the way a little boy imitates his father's walk. We can understand this. But we need to realize children also take on the spiritual traits and attitudes of their parents.

Consequently, when Dad studies his Sunday School lesson, goes to church, studies his Bible, plans and carries out his contribution to the church budget, conducts family prayers, and shows by his daily living he is a spiritually alert father—he furthers enormously the partnership between church and home.

What is the difference between an "average" home and one that is a joy to behold? Experience reveals that most often it is a churchgoing Dad who counts!

"PLEASE, DADDY, LET'S GO"

A little girl with shining eyes,
Her little face aglow,
Said, "Daddy, it is almost time
For Sunday School. Let's go!
They teach us there of Jesus' love,
Of how He died for all
Those who in Him will call."
"Oh, no!" said Daddy, "not today."

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Missions Giving

By ROBERT J. FABEL
Lee College Student



I WOULD LIKE to direct your attention to the reading of a few verses of scripture written by Paul to the Corinthian church, 2 Corinthians 9:7-9.

7. *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.*
8. *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:*
9. *As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.*

For my text, I would like to use the seventh and the ninth verses of this chapter. "As he purposeth in his heart, so let him give."

The heart has a lot to do with our giving, just as it does in every other phase of life. The bulk of our actions are usually for a purpose, and when we do anything unwillingly or against our better judgment, we will find ourselves doing it grudgingly or half-heartedly. The Bible teaches us that when we do anything, we should do it with all our might. Is not this also applicable to our tithing and giving that they may be recognized of God?

Jesus, spoken of in St. John chapter one, was the Light of the world. Melchisedec, in Hebrews 7:1, was a priest of the most high God. Jesus said to his disciples, "Ye are the salt of the earth and the light of the world," and in Acts 1:8a, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me," and Melchisedec in Hebrews 7:5 gave his priesthood unto the sons of Levi. Therefore, where the priesthood of Melchisedec was limited to the Levites only, who were not numbered and were a separate people, so Christ also offers to whosoever will believe on His name and partake of the precious fruits of His shed blood at the cross of Calvary, His priesthood.

Every one of us, after we are saved and partake of the Holy Ghost, are priests unto Christ. Every one of us has his job to do in spreading the gospel around the world and to every creature. We are to be as lights, hidden not through lack of prayer, self-consciousness, or self-will, but lights that shine throughout our cities, towns, countrysides, not stopping there, but shining to the regions beyond. We should be as well savored salt, lacking nothing to season the world with the words of life.

"Well," you say, "I thought the regions beyond were for the missionaries to worry about and for them to carry the gospel to." That is true; but what does the term missionary really mean? A sent one? Yes, those given to full time service in carrying the gospel to others, particularly to the foreign lands? Yes, but this is only one

type of missionary. There are three types of missionaries: one who goes, one who gives, and one who prays.

Every one of us is under two of these requirements, brought out by the Word of God. We are either sent missionaries who go and pray, or we are fixed missionaries who give and pray. We either give of our lives by being a missionary on a foreign field or we give of our means, brought out in 2 Corinthians 9:7.

What is a missionary but one who loves his neighbor as himself, and who is your neighbor but the person that is in need? There are thousands of people today who have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ just because we have not sent someone to preach to them. Whose hands do you think this blood is going to be on? Ours! "Well," you say, "why don't our preachers go; we will send down by our Missions Board just because there weren't them." They have tried to go, but they have been turned enough funds to send them. "Has our Missions Board ever made an appeal for money for cases like this?" Yes, hundreds of times, haven't you heard them?

Have we not robbed God, when sixty-five per cent of the world has yet to hear the gospel? Have we not robbed God when we know for a certainty that they will be lost without God if they fail to repent? Have we not robbed Him, seeing the gospel being spread all over our own land and the rest of the world in darkness and in need of it? Christians, let us search our hearts. Will robbers get into the kingdom of heaven? Are there any blood-stained hands in heaven? Are we being a neighbor to the lost by not recognizing this fact? Do you think God is going to let us get by with this? No, no, no! It is going to be paid for.

CAN WE CLAIM ignorance of this, or have we not robbed God? Have we done *our* part when the Lord tells us to be neighborly? Why do you think the mighty signs are not following our believers today? It must be that there is something lacking that isn't supposed to be lacking. The Lord said He loved a cheerful giver, one that sees his responsibilities and cheerfully answers, "Lord, I am ready to do my part." A cheerful giver will go to his limit, never shirk from responsibility or close his ears to the cry of the thousands that are lost without Christ and doomed for hell lest they hear and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Romans 10:14, we read, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" What are you doing, friend? You say, "I pay my tithes in my local church

and that is all that is required of me." Yes, I agree; that is required of all of us, but it is only the beginning of our duty to Christ. It only shows God that we recognize that it was His from the start and that we are only paying Him back what we rightly owe Him. If we only do that which is required for us to do, then what have we really done at all? After the tithes comes the offering unto God, and what less can we as Christians do when He promised prosperity and blessings to those that obey His will? Where do you stand in this? Are you doing unto those heathens, lost and dying in sin, as you would want them to do for you if the circumstances were reversed?

Let's look at 2 Corinthians the ninth chapter, and the ninth verse and see what Paul has to say about a person who is a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:9b, "He hath dispersed abroad." Right there the words tell us that he will give to missions, because, what are missions if it isn't dispersing abroad or sending abroad the help needed to send the light of Christ deeper into the jungles of Africa, the Islands of the Philippines, Asia, and numerous other places where the gospel needs to be preached?

But let's read on, "He hath given to the poor." It is very easy to see the poor when they are in our own town or neighborhood, but when they get ten thousand miles away, I am afraid we fail to see the need which is daily before us. Are the people hearing the gospel as they should under these circumstances? No, I am afraid they are not. Do you feel that you have done everything that you could possibly do to meet this need?

When every Christian will recognize the responsibility placed upon him as an individual, then the job will be finished and I believe God will say, "It is enough," and send Jesus to gather His bride unto Himself because the gospel has been fulfilled which says, "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," Acts 1:8b.

Are you doing your part? Are you shirking your responsibility? Let us now arise and do our part in this great plan which Christ has so wonderfully left for us to do. Would you do it for Jesus' sake?



"BEHOLDING OURSELVES"

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"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord," Acts 3:19.

If all of us will put these words into practice in our lives, then when we come to the end of life's journey, we'll be seen of the Lord as we would like for him to see us.



CHRIST AND LITTLE CHILDREN

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would have us not to rebel against God's will in becoming hard and bitter, when God, in his infinite wisdom opens the door that leads from time to eternity and allows some young person to go through it, escaping the hard years of trouble and sorrow that are sure to come.

The question comes to me, "What would heaven be like if there were no babies, no children, no teen-agers there to occupy the beautiful mansions, hop and skip up and down the golden streets and join in with the redeemed of

all ages, singing the songs of the Lamb?" Somehow, I fear, something would be dreadfully lacking in an eternal city where all the inhabitants were adults. Another question also, "How are they going to get there except they go by the way of death?" But you say, "Let God wait until the Rapture and then take the children." That could never do, because God would have children of all ages and generations to make up that heavenly habitation, along with the aged saints who have come from the respective generations. Think of David, for instance, with the young son that he lost; think of the young mothers of Israel, whose babies were snatched from their bosoms by the soldiers of the wicked Herod. Oh, how wonderful for them to be reunited again when life is done!

For many reasons then, the Lord has a need for children in that city to which you and I are striving to go. It could be that there are small tasks in heaven that only a child can do. Maybe, there are parts to be sung in the heavenly choir that can only be properly sung by the voices of children. Maybe, there are small services to be rendered by children in the Temple of the New Jerusalem, where there will be no more marrying or giving in marriage. Therefore, the Lord goes all over the world, stopping here and there to pick a flower or even a bud to add to his heavenly bouquet.

Yet some of you say, "I have lost a child and I can never give him up." But listen friend, Jesus says, "Forbid them not to come unto me." You agree that you want the best of everything for your child; well, when they go to be with Jesus, they have the best. Could you have furnished clothes of such finery as they wear in that celestial city? Could you have given your child through education and training, the comprehension, the understanding and the brilliance of mind that he now possesses? Could you have provided a home that would compare with Abraham's bosom?

If not, then I beg you, hide your grief in the knowledge of knowing that all is well with them who have gone on; yes, far better than with us who yet remain in this world. Take comfort in the great hope of seeing them again when life is done and say with David as he grieved over his son, "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."

"Now the Lord of peace, himself, give you peace always by all means."



THE CHRISTIAN HOME

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ple went out into the service of the Lord. In the 25th verse of this chapter we read, "Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John whose surname was Mark." This wasn't a home simply where people came in and out to visit, but where people went in and out—in for prayer and out to serve, a home that was a true center and a base of missionary operation.

In that mother's heart, even though she might have been a widow, there was a great concern concerning her son, John. Many times she went to the Lord and said, "Lord, I have given this boy to you, I want to see him out in the field, I want to see him a missionary, I want to see him blazing a trail for you." How many parents make that your ambition?

Isn't it true that many of us are satisfied to see our children grow up and have a good job and perhaps step

right out of the will of God in doing it. Our greatest longing is to see them happily married and living not so far away so that we may continue to have, at least part of them. How many fathers and mothers really make the supreme longing of their heart that at least one member of their family will blaze a trail for God?

If I know anything about a mother heart I'm quite sure that the day when John Mark went to this mother and said goodbye as he set out for missionary service for the first time, there was many a tear shed. But I'm sure that when he'd gone Mary knelt down and thanked the Lord for an answer to prayer.

You see, the test of a church is not its crowd, not its money, not its preacher but its homes! Let's search our hearts about this thing. We've got our orthodoxy, we've got our doctrine, we've got our belief, we've got our finances—God has blessed us in these things and we are thankful indeed to our heavenly Father. But how rich are we in terms of Christian families and Christian homes like that? Have we homes where people come when they are in trouble because the wealth of our spiritual experience draws them? Have we homes where people meet around one common mercy seat and frequently kneel in prayer, and when people are burdened they know perfectly well that somebody in that home will understand? Have we homes whose supreme passion and desire is that at least one of our children might blaze a trail for God on the mission field of the world?

Has God been looking through the window of your home today and put His finger upon some spot, and showed you that you haven't got the thing that people want today? In spite of what you believe, in spite of your orthodox church attendance, in spite of your sacrificial giving, somehow in your heart and in your home is there a lack of the ring of sincerity and reality? Are sympathy and graciousness and love and kindness and tenderness missing? Would you look up into the face of the Lord Jesus today and say, "Lord Jesus Christ, it's you I need, come into my home and make it like Mary's home."

"O God our Father, may Thy Holy Spirit be searching our hearts today and if there be in our homes that which is empty, that which is formal, that which is superficial, that which is a contradiction of all that we believe, Lord Jesus Christ have mercy upon us and come afresh in all the fullness of Thy Spirit into our hearts. Make them tender and loving and Christlike, and make our homes, my home, a base of operation to which people may come when they are in need, where we often kneel in prayer and out from which home there shall go one precious jewel to serve the Lord. For Jesus sake! Amen."



DAD AND THE CHURCH

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I've worked hard all week,
I'm going to the creek,
For there I can relax and rest,
And fishing's fine, they say.
So run along; don't bother me,
We'll go to church some day."
Months and years have passed away,
But Daddy hears that plea no more—
"Let's go to Sunday School."
Those childish days are o'er.
And, now that Daddy's growing old,

When life is almost through
He finds some time to go to church,
But what does daughter do?
She says: "Oh, Daddy, not today—
I stayed up almost all night.
I've just got to get some sleep,
Besides, I look a fright."
Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand
To brush away the tears,
As again he hears the pleading voice
Distinctly through the years.
He sees a small girl's shining face
Upturned, with eyes aglow,
As she says, "It's time for Sunday School;
Please, Daddy, won't you go?"

—Author Unknown

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We have come on a generation of teaching that simply holds before men various truths and says to them, "Reach your hand into the basket and take your choice." I know the reason for this. It encourages men to think for themselves and to be able to say, "This truth is mine." This method of teaching, however, can be as false in its refusal to share the deepest and the truest that generations have known as the other method which sought merely to cram undigested truth into the mouths of gullible students. In an endeavor to adapt truth to life we have forgotten that life must be brought to God through Jesus Christ.—From GOD'S WAY by Harrison Ray Anderson (Fleming H. Revell Company).



The story is told of an only survivor of a shipwreck who was thrown upon an uninhabited island. After a while he managed to build a rude hut in which he placed the "little all" that he had saved from the sinking ship. He prayed to God for deliverance, and anxiously scanned the horizon each day to hail any ship that might chance to be passing that way.

One day, upon returning from a hunt for food, he was horrified to find his hut in flames. All that he had, had now gone up in smoke! The worst had happened, or so it appeared. But that which seemed to have happened for the worst was, in reality, for the best.

To the man's limited vision, it was the worst. To God's infinite wisdom, his loss was for the best—that for which he had prayed. The very next day a ship arrived. "We saw your smoke signal," the captain said.

Can we not take our seeming calamities, and look for God's best in them?—From BETTER CHURCH BULLETINS by Stella O. Barnett (Fleming H. Revell Company).



Do you wish to be great?
Then begin by being little.
Do you desire to construct a lofty fabric?
Think first about the foundations of humility.
The higher your structure is to be,
The deeper must be its foundation.
Modest humility is beauty's crown.

Confessions: St. Augustine.

Washington-Oregon Prayer Conference

"We'll work 'til Jesus comes, we'll work (and pray) 'til Jesus comes, we'll work . . ." into such an atmosphere the people of Washington and Oregon gathered on February 16, 17 for their prayer conference with the good folk at the Portland, Oregon, Church of God. The most wonderful, thrilling, blessed part was His presence, for He was there for the first service and remained to the last, even while the reluctant good-byes were being said, at a late hour, indeed.

The welcome address by the thoughtful and genial host pastor certainly revealed that he had heeded the injunction "Love not in word but in deed and in truth" for his address consisted in presenting out-of-town delegates with letters of introduction to the families with which they were



Church's Power Potential." God's Holy Ghost gave him liberty, and he gave us much to be enjoyed, received, and appreciated, to the end of an enlarged vision and an inspired zeal.

As it was in the auditorium, so in the kitchen—plenty for all, wonderfully good, and thoroughly enjoyed.

Again in the afternoon our hearts were made to burn anew in the desire for souls as Brother James Layne spoke from 1 Thessalonians 2:19, 20, "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy." Those two verses should be a self-starter to every tired or discouraged minister. During all this, the meeting was growing, and it seemed



Church of God, Portland, Oregon

to stay, clipped to a map of the city marked and coded in two colors, showing church location, home away from home location, the shortest distance between the two, and telling us that the L.W.W.B. would be serving the meals from the kitchen of the newly finished basement.

My, how those folks had worked to have everything finished and in readiness, and how really beautiful it looks, both inside and out, upstairs and down, finished. In such an atmosphere the groundwork was complete for the message of our beloved overseer, Brother D. G. Homner, as he spoke from "I must work the works of him that sent me, . . . for the night cometh . . ." Hearts were stirred as we realized anew how close the night. Following the message, the "HOW" was presented in the sound film "Workers Together With God."

Following our hour of prayer the next morning, a blessed hour that set the seal of heaven upon the assembly, Brother Homner again spoke, admonishing and instructing in his straightforward, down-to-earth manner. Brother Wilson, the host pastor, spoke from the thought of "The

everyone was growing with it. In the evening more seats and more seats were brought in to take care of the crowd. The panel discussion, moderated by Brother G. S. Tapley, was certainly enlightening in regard to the pastor's obligation to his people and the Church as viewed by the layman, and the layman's obligation to the church and pastor through the eyes of the pastor. Well, you should have been there!

The meeting climaxed in the message by Brother Charles E. Tilley, overseer of Idaho. Brother Tilley had already added much to the services by just being there with his smiling face and his special singing. He is well loved, always welcome. Now as he ministered the Word, going to Exodus 19:17, how Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God, we were made to realize anew that God's interest, as well as the interest of Moses the man of God, was in every individual, small and great, young and old, that all must be sanctified, that the garments of all must be washed white and made clean, if we are to meet God in peace. The ever-present thought of only a little

while left to work pervades the very air. Then as He whispers, "Son, go work today in my vineyard," we go, cheerfully and thankfully, realizing that it is "not by works of righteousness that we have done, but by his mercy he saves us." We rejoice that true spirituality is not being so ethereal-minded that we are no earthly good. "We'll work 'til Jesus comes!" —E. A. Trietch, Reporter.

GRAYSVILLE, Tenn.—We have had some outstanding events in our church recently. The church is progressing under the able leadership of our good pastor, Brother J. M. Foshe. In a recent revival conducted by Evangelist Maynard Renfro, ten were saved, and four were filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Renfro, a humble servant of God, came to us preaching God's Word under the anointing power of the Holy Ghost. We have, also, closed a three months' Y.P.E. contest in which \$876 was raised for the installation of attic fans and for repairs on the church.—Allene F. Elsea, Reporter.

Telephone Call

ALCOA, Tenn.—We are praising the Lord for the way He blessed us in our regular Sunday night service on March 27. Thirteen were saved, two were filled with the Holy Ghost, and six were added to the church.—C. T. Dunn, Pastor.

PARSONS, W. Va.—We truly thank God and praise His holy name for the wonderful services we have been having. Although we are not in a revival at the present time, we have been having the results of a revival. Souls have been coming to the altar answering God's call to repentance, and some have been seeking the Holy Ghost. We also thank and praise God for sending us our pastor, Brother Owen Baldwin, who is truly a man of God determined to preach all of God's Word under the anointing of the Spirit. He certainly is a rich blessing to our church.—Mrs. Faye Taylor.

GAINESVILLE, Ga.—The Lord has been so very good to us here in Gainesville that I want the world to know about it. We are enjoying the precious blessings of God. Recently, we had a wonderful revival conducted by Brother Lamar McDaniel, and the Lord truly blessed. Many were saved, sanctified, and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. We praise the Lord for this. Three precious souls united with the Church. They are true Christians and great workers for God. Our church is really on the move for God. We have bought a parsonage and have it nearly paid for. We have a building fund for a new church. The young people are greatly interested in getting a new church, so they are working diligently

for the building fund. We are so thankful for our pastor and his family, Brother and Sister B. D. Gore. They are consecrated Christians with a zeal to see the Church of God grow. Pray for us that we may lift Jesus Christ above everything else in this world.—Mrs. Enoch Smith, Reporter.

PENSACOLA, Fla.—We thank the Lord for a wonderful revival spirit that is in our church. Since the Assembly, in every service God pours out His Spirit upon us. We fell in love with our new pastor C. M. Stokes and his family as soon as they arrived. They are proving a blessing to the church. Every department is growing; our Sunday School attendance and offerings are increasing; our young people are more interested and are working for a better Y.P.E.; and the L.W.W.B. is fasting and praying for our lost loved ones. It seems the Spirit is ever encouraging us to keep working and praying, for the time of Jesus' return is nearer than we think. We want to keep on working for Him, not growing

weary in well doing, for our reward is just ahead.—Mrs. L. D. Bryars, Reporter.

PARSONS, W. Va.—Our pastor, Owen Baldwin, has organized a Willing Workers' Band in order to raise funds to pay on a refrigerator that had been purchased before he came in September. We owed \$150 on it then, and very little work had been done toward paying the bill. We had been having our meetings of the Willing Workers' Band in homes, but since few were attending we decided to ask our mayor for permission to use the City Hall. It was arranged for us to use it on the third Thursday of the month. At our first public meeting, March 17, we made \$25.67. Since we have organized our band, we have earned \$120. We are expecting to raise enough money between now and the next meeting to pay the remaining refrigerator bill. Our next goal will be to work for money to pay on our church indebtedness. Pray for us.—Shirley

Miller, W.W.B. Secretary.

LANDO, S. C.—I want to sound a praise unto our God for His goodness to our church. When our present pastor, Brother W. H. Cabaniss, came to Lando in September, we owed over a thousand dollars on our parsonage. Within two months, with his very able leadership, we had paid \$400 of our debt. A few weeks ago several of our members and friends of the church started out with little piggy banks with the idea in mind to pay off the remainder of our debt. On Sunday, March 27, we had a special "hog killing" service in which Brother Cabaniss took a hammer and broke the banks. At the end of the service we had enough money to pay off our debt, which was \$544.72. One of the men of the church had \$134.61 in his bank and others had up to \$50. All of them worked hard and with God's help reached their goal. Now we are ready to build a new church. We are truly thankful for our pastor and his fine family.—Nancy Lowery, Reporter.

NORTON, VIRGINIA, SUNDAY SCHOOL



This is a picture of the Sunday School at Norton, Virginia, on November 28, 1954. The attendance that day was 276, which breaks all Sunday School attendance records. For November we averaged 238, and for two months the Church of God has been the second largest Sunday School in Norton, a town of 5,000 population. Holding the register at the left is Jeff Thomas, Sunday

School superintendent. On the right of the register is the pastor, J. B. Holcomb; next is Sister Holcomb; and the clerk of the church, Cecil Johnston. Eight months ago Norton Sunday School was less than 100. We give God and the good people of Norton the praise for this progress.—J. B. Holcomb, Pastor.

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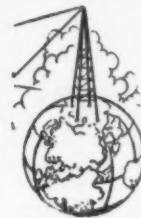
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PRESENT ADMINISTRATION SEEN TO RELY ON PRAYER

The administration of President Eisenhower has been marked by a resurgence of the popularity of religion in high governmental circles. Latest attempt to discover proof of the depth of the President's spiritual conviction comes from a reliable source and would seem to indicate that the incumbent lawmakers do rely on prayer in the important business of running the Government.

Henry J. Dubester, chief of the General Reference and Bibliography Division of the Library of Congress, expresses the view that "if the materials were available to examine the cabinet meetings of the different administrations it is very doubtful whether any record of the use of prayer would be found previous to this administration." He says in addition that opening the meetings with silent prayer "is, undoubtedly, an innovation which President Eisenhower himself has initiated."

Making reference to the popularity of religion, evangelist Billy Graham, in one of his last meetings in the Nation's Capital, alluded to the fact that "It is easier to talk about religion than at any time in our history, and people are beginning to realize that they are more than physical beings, that they have eternal souls and destinies."—(ERA)

WIDE USE OF BIBLE SPOTS REPORTED BY ABS

The American Bible Society is considering the production of one-minute daily Bible readings for use on television stations across the country. This decision was made because the response to similar films prepared by ABS for use last year in observance of the World-wide Bible Reading Program was so enthusiastic.

A total of 171 television stations reported that they had presented the one-minute daily Bible readings between Thanksgiving and Christmas last year. Forty-three states were represented.

One station wrote to Secretary Henry H. Ragatz, of the Bible Society's Department of Visual Materials, who supervised the production of the films, "you will be interested in knowing that WIS-TV is telecasting the World-wide Bible Reading films twice daily, the first at 1:15 p.m. and the second at 11:15 p.m. I hope the showing of these films will forward the program of the American Bible Society in promoting daily Bible Reading."

Stations reported using the materi-

al, not only at stated periods each day, but whenever they found themselves with a few minutes of free time.—(ERA)

JUDGE SCOLDS SCHOOL BOARD IN BIBLE CASE

In Indiana, Pa., Common Pleas Judge E. E. Creps admonished the school board of nearby Armagh to make "a sincere and forthright" effort to settle a controversy over Bible reading in United Joint High School. Saying that "this is a question of alleged misconduct in school and does not call for a court of equity," the judge dismissed the suit filed last August by Edward Houser, a Baptist pastor, on behalf of his daughter, Darlene, 17, and a schoolmate, Arthur McClintock, 18.

The minister had charged that the two young people were punished by the school board for having read the Bible during their study periods in the high school. He asserted that the action of the school authorities constituted a violation of freedom of religion and speech.—(ERA—3-23-55)

PROTEST IMPRISONMENT OF SPANISH EVANGELICALS

The Ambassador of Spain in Washington, Jose Maria Areilza, received a letter from Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals protesting the recent imprisonment of six Protestant Evangelicals in Spain. The letter particularly emphasized the imprisonment of Florentino Tornadijo last February 22.

Dr. Taylor said that "the imprisonment of Senor Tornadijo was evidently based on a private meeting which he held in the home of one of his parishioners in which they quietly read the Bible and prayed together. This meeting was held last June 29.

"The police broke into the meeting and dispersed it. Senor Tornadijo was taken to the police headquarters where he was asked to sign a statement admitting his participation in a private prayer service. This statement was passed on to the Governor of Valencia who imposed a fine on Senor Tornadijo of 1,000 pesetas. Thereafter, each of the persons who were at the meeting were fined 250 pesetas each."

Dr. Taylor stated that, "There is no doubt whatever but that the denial of the religious rights to those whom we consider our brethren in Spain, will have a detrimental effect on the understanding which should be expected to exist between the United States and

Spain. It is our sincere hope that this situation may yet be rectified, and that other situations of this nature will be circumvented."—(NAE)

JORDAN TO SEND 50 GOSPEL TENTS TO BRAZIL

Claiming that "Brazil can be evangelized within two years," Fred Jordan, founder-director of American Soul Clinic, has ordered 50 tents to be used in that country by his co-workers. Jordan, just returned from Brazil, explained: The order of the day for Brazil is tents and mass evangelism. It is easy to get crowds of five or six thousand for two or three services every day. People don't have to be coaxed. They come because they are seeking the answer to their spiritual needs. I have never seen a people so hungry to hear the story of Jesus... If Brazil is won, all South America will follow."—(ERA—3-23-55)

DOORS STILL OPEN FOR MISSIONARIES IN INDIA

The growing impression in this country that India has no place for Christian missionaries from the U. S. is a false one, mission leaders meeting in New York were told.

The door is still open and large numbers of American missionaries are freely carrying on their ministry of preaching, healing and service. During 1953 and 1954 the Indian government granted 89½ per cent of all requests for visas by U. S. mission boards, a total of 399 persons. The report, based on a recently completed survey of 20 U. S. mission boards with work in India, was presented at the annual meeting of the South Asia Committee of the National Council of Churches by the Rev. A. Russell Stevenson, executive director of the Council's Office for Southern Asia and the Near East.

During the same period the Indian Government refused only 49 visa applications, Mr. Stevenson said. Of those about 20 have been appealed and in many cases final decision is still pending. He said that in most cases applications were refused because the Indian government believed the job to which an American would be assigned could be done better or equally as well by an Indian national.—(RN—3-32-55)

America's favorite hymns are still the old-timers. "Rock of Ages," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "In the Garden" are currently leading in poll of "America's Ten Favorite Hymns" being conducted by the Galen Drake show over CBS Radio.

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